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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT FUNDING FOR EGYPT

REFS: (A) CAIRO 12265; (B) STATE 107658

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PROPOSALS RAISED REFTEL A AND
HAS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. IN PARA 5 REFTEL A, JUSTIFICATION, EMBASSY DISCUSSES
NEED FOR FIVE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES. MENTION IS MADE
TO OPERATIONS IN INACCESSIBLE AREAS, HOWEVER, MORE SPECIFIC
INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS TO THE TYPE OF OPERATIONS ENVISAGED.
WILL VEHICLES BE USED TO TRANSPORT NON-ANGA PERSONNEL TO
OPIUM GROWING AREAS? FOR A UNIT TOTALLING 38 PEOPLE TO IN-
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CREASE THE VEHICLE INVENTORY BY FIVE, ALBEIT FOUR-WHEEL
DRIVE, VEHICLES MAKING A RATIO OF ONE VEHICLE FOR EVERY
THREE PEOPLE WE WILL NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF
OPERATIONS ANTICIPATED. WHAT IS THE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY
OF THE ANGA?

3. REGARDING REQUEST FOR FOUR MOBILE AND FIVE PORTABLE

RADIOS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT EQUIPMENT PROVIDED WILL SATISFY ANGA OPERATIONS: (A) WHAT IS PROPOSED OPERATIONAL USE, INCLUDING AREA OF COVERAGE

DESIRED; (B) IS EQUIPMENT TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THAT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY ANGA. IF SO, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW FREQUENCIES OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE REPLACEMENT ANTENNAS; PLEASE ADVISE EQUIPMENT TYPE, RF POWER OUTPUT AND FREQUENCY; (D) NO PROVISION NOTED FOR COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY FROM VEHICLE TO A BASE STATION. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN RURAL OPERATIONS MOBILE UNITS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR BULLET-PROOF JACKETS; THERE IS PRESENTLY AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. MUNITIONS LIST BEFORE CONGRESS WHICH INCLUDES "POLICE TYPE EQUIPMENT", I.E. BULLET-PROOF JACKETS, WHICH IF PASSED (AND IT APPEARS LIKELY) WOULD REQUIRE AN EXPORT LICENSE. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS PUTS SUCH ITEMS AS BULLET-PROOF JACKETS IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS WEAPONS.

5. WHEN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE OUR ABILITY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ANGA ASSISTANCE REQUESTS AND WHETHER AN ON-SITE SURVEY BY AN S/NM TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERT IS WARRANTED. THIS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS

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MATION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS TACIT APPROVAL TO PROVIDE INC FUNDS FOR ANGA. ONLY AFTER THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED WILL THE DEPARTMENT BE IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSED REQUEST. CHRISTOPHER

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